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SUBJECT: RTG STATMENT PROTESTING US ACTION ON THE
MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT

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1. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DISTRIBUTED A STATE-
MENT TO THE PRESS FOLLOWING PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT
PRAMOT'S PRESS CONFERENCE MAY 16 (REFTEL) FOLLOWING IS AN
UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF THE STATEMENT

BEGIN TEXT.

THE GOVERNMENT ISSUED A STAMENT ON WEDNESDAY MAY 14.
1975. ON THE PROTEST OT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT DEMAND-
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ING THAT MARINES SENT TO UTAPAO BASE, IN PREPARATION TO

REPORT TO CAMBODIA IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE AND
DISPUTE WHICH HAD BROKEN OUT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND CAMBODIA,
TO BE TAKEN OUT FROM THAILAND IMMEDIATELY

LATER, ON THURSDAY MAY 15, 1975. IT WAS SEEN
THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD NOT COMPLIED TO THE PROTEST
AND DEMAND MADE BY THE THAI GOVERNMENT FOR THOSE MARINES
TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THAILAND ON THE CONTRARY THOSE
MILITARY FORCES WERE USED TO ATTACK AND REGAIN THE VESSEL
MAYAGUEZ FROM CAMBODIA FURTHERMORE AMERICAN FIGHTER
PLANES STATIONED IN THAI BASES TOOK OFF TO GIVE AIR SUPPORT
ALSO. THIS ACTION ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES
DELIBERATELY GOES AGAINST THE DECISION OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT
A DECISION WHICH THE PRIME MINISTER HAD INFORMED
THE AMERICAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OF ON TUESDAY MAY 13.
1975. THE PRIME MINISTER STATED THAT THAILAND DOES NOT
WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN THE ISSUE AND DISPUTE BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES AND CAMBODIA AND SHOULD THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT DECIDE TO USE MILITARY FORCE TO RETORT TO
CAMBODIA THE THAI GOVERNMENT CANNOT ALLOW THAI TERRITORY
TO BE USED FOR SUCH ACTION FURTHERMORE THE AMERICAN
GOVERNMENT DISPLAYED AN ATTITUDE SHOWING IT PAID NO THOUGHT
WHATSOEVER TO THE WISHES OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT AND THE THAI PEOPLE
OR TO THE DAMAGE THAT MIGHT BE CAUSED TO RELATIONS BETWEEN
THAILAND AND NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS WITH THE
UNITED STATES ITSELF.
SINCE THE ACTION OF THE UNITED STATES DOES
NOT HAVE FRIENDLY CHARACTERISTICS, THE GOVERNMENT IS THEREFORE
COMPELLED TO TAKE MEASURES TO PREVENT ANY INCIDENT OCCURRING
AGAIN WHICH CONSTITUTES VIOLATION OF SOVEREIGN POWERS AND IS
AN INSULT TO NATIONAL DIGNITY THEREFORE THE GOVERNMENT
HAS ORDERED MEASURES TO BE TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

1. FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO
DRAFT ANOTHER NOTE OF PROTEST TO THE UNITED STATES IN
WHICH ARE LISTED THE ACTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH
GO AGAINST
THE DECISION OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT AND INFORMING
THE UNITED STATES OF THE NECESSITY FOR THE THAI GOVERN-
MENT TO TAKE UP FOR CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW ALL KINDS
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OF TIES AND COMMITMENTS WHICH THAILAND HAS WITH THE UNITED
STATES INCLUDING THE STRICT CONTROL OF THE USE OF BASES AND
EVERYTHING PROVIDING MILITARY FACILITIES IN THAILAND TO
MAKE THEM APPROPRIATE TO THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THE
WISHES OF THE THAI GOVERNMENT.

2. FOR THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO
PRESENT THIS NOTE OF PROTEST TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN

BANGKOK AT THE SAME TIME THE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON
HAS BEEN ORDERED TO PRESENT HIS MEMORANDUM TO THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE ALSO

3. FOR THE AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON TO RETURN
TO BANGKOK FOR CONSULTATIONS ON OFFICIALS AFFAIRS.

THEREFORE THIS STATEMENT HAS BEEN ISSUED
TO INFORM ALL THE PEOPLE OF MEASURES TAKEN BY THE
GOVERNMENT IN THIS MATTER.

OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER
MAY 16, 1975.
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